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**Applications for the post of the Principal,
Maharaja's College.**

361. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.— Will the Government be pleased to state with reference to Notification No. 203 published in the Government Gazette, dated 4th Kumbham 1110.—

(a) the reasons which prompted the Government to call for applications for the post of the Principal, Maharaja's College;

(b) whether the Government has in view any standard qualifications for the post?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.— (a) So that they may choose the best available person for the post.

(b) The S. Os. do not fix any special qualifications for the post.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know whether there is anybody in the existing staff of the Maharaja's College who could be elevated to this responsible post?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—That question also will be considered by the Government.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know whether in the opinion of the Government there is anybody in the Maharaja's College who is competent to be raised to the post of Principalship?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—That question can be answered correctly only after due consideration is given.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Was there any occasion when any Member of the existing staff officiated as the Principal of the College?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There is one who has acted before.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—In response to this Notification has any member of the staff applied?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—One member of the Staff has applied.

Mr. A. Sankara Paduval.—How many applications have been received till now?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Till now we have received 9 applications.

Mr. P. S. Kesavan Nambudiri.—May I know whether the Government have any idea of appointing anybody from outside the State?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It is too premature to give an answer now. Applications have been invited and the prospective applicants have been definitely asked to note their places of domicile, etc.

Mr. P. S. Kesavan Nambudiri.—May I know whether preference will be given to the subjects of the State?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It has always been the policy of the Government to do so.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—May I know of the 9 applications, how many are Cochinites?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—We have not examined the applications carefully. I can only say that some are not Cochinites.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Can we take it that the claims of the members of the staff will also be taken into consideration?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I have already answered that.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Of the nine applicants, may I know what the highest and the lowest qualifications are.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I have not examined the applications carefully.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—If it is the opinion of the Government that there are competent men in the College, then why is this Notification published? It is only with a view to get a man from outside.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Government have advertised, so that they may choose the best man available. If a person in the College will be the best man available then he will be appointed.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—I think in the best interests of Education, the best available man has to be appointed irrespective of the question whether he is a Cochinite or not.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—I suppose, that applies to all Heads of Departments as well.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Is there any minimum qualification prescribed for the post?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The Standing orders do not prescribe any minimum qualification for this post. The

Standing Orders do not also provide any qualification for certain other posts. Similarly for this also no qualification has been prescribed.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—What will be the consideration of the Government in selecting the candidate?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—They know what is required for a principal and they will make the selection accordingly.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be in a position to tell the House, what would be the nature of the qualification although the Standing Orders do not fix any special qualifications?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The qualifications cannot be definitely stated in regard to Degrees if that is what the Member means.

Mr. P. S. Kesavan Nambudiri.—May I know whether the Government consider any English degree as a necessary qualification.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The advertisement does not say so.

Mr. P. S. Kesavan Nambudiri.—May I know whether the Government consider it is a necessary qualification?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—If they considered it necessary, it must have been expressly stated in the advertisement.

Plague in Kunnankulam.

362. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—With reference to the Press Communique dated 12th February 1935 published in the extraordinary issue of the Cochin Government Gazette, published on 1st Kumbham 1110, will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) how many have taken advantage of the facilities offered for inoculation since the out-break of plague in Kunnankulam;

(b) how many in Kunnankulam died of plague in the last three months; and

(c) what led to the out-break of plague in Kunnankulam?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—(a) 7654 till 22nd Kumbham 1110.

(b) 21.

(c) No definite source of infection could be traced.